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he made in a September 16, 2001, *Washington Post* article, When 'Business as Usual' Becomes A Patriotic Imperative. [redacted] stated that his anti-terrorism statements are indicative of the general views of those associated with ADBUSTERS.

[redacted] was asked to comment on statements posted on the ADBUSTERS web site, specifically "...Our aim is to topple existing power structures and forge a major shift in the way we live in the 21st century." [redacted] stated that while he can not speak for ADBUSTERS, he believes this statement is figurative and "existing power structures" refers to corporate entities that exert control over artist and the artistic process. [redacted] further stated that the use of the phrase "topple" is again figurative and in no way advocates terrorism, violence, or the destruction of physical property.

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[redacted] stated that the views and opinions of ADBUSTERS are expressed in a monthly periodical *Adbusters Magazine*. *Adbusters Magazine* can be purchased in newsstands in the NY theater district and Greenwich Village, NY.

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On September 30, 2001, Special Agent (SA) [redacted] Defense Criminal Investigative Service, conducted an interview of [redacted] 135 West 42nd Street, New York (NY), NY. [redacted] declined to provide biographical information. After being presented with the identification of the interviewing agent, [redacted] provided the following information.

[redacted] stated that the address of 135 West 42nd Street, NY, NY is occupied by artists and those involved in the theater and arts. Office space on the second floor is used by multiple businesses and organizations. [redacted] stated that the Chashama art gallery occupies the first floor. Chashama is operated by [redacted]. [redacted] advised that the property is owned by [redacted] father who is a wealthy property developer. [redacted] allows artist to use the property for free or for a nominal charge. [redacted] added that [redacted] utilizes the properties located at 111 West 42nd Street and 129 West 42nd Street, NY, NY for similar purposes.

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[redacted] stated that he is aware of the billboard advertisement on the front of 135 West 42nd Street which depicts the American flag with corporate symbols replacing the stars and reads "Declare Independence from Corporate Rule". [redacted] added that the poster provides an Internet web site that links to an organization known as ADBUSTERS. [redacted] described ADBUSTERS as an "affiliation of like-minded individuals" rather than a "movement". [redacted] stated that there is no formal membership but that most individuals working at 135 West 42nd Street shared the views of ADBUSTERS.

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[redacted] described the views of ADBUSTERS as anti-corporation, specifically in the arts. [redacted] stated that ADBUSTERS espouses that artists should retain creative control of their work and receive a larger share of profits. ADBUSTERS is non-violent and anti-war. [redacted] stated that current displays covering the fronts of 135, 129, and 111 West 42nd Street are typical of the views of those associated with ADBUSTERS in that they express sympathy for the victims of the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center. [redacted] stated that his opposition to the attacks was further witnessed by statements that

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